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News for a campus community

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Students forced to find their own abode this year

By Greg Eichten
Winonan

Students living in a residence hall this year may find themselves in an uncomfortable buildup room with more people than they had originally planned, but consider this: they may be one of the lucky ones.

This year, Winona State University is hosting a larger

freshmen class than the residence halls will allow. Putting extra students in rooms is a common practice every year, but now even some single rooms on Winona State's west campus are hosting two people, as long as the original occupants agree.

With the conversion of lounges and offices into dorms, more than 20 temporary rooms

have been created in dormitories such as Richards and Tau. But even these efforts were not enough to give housing to every student who wanted it.

Paula Scheevel, director of Housing and Residence Life at Winona State, estimates that about 50 freshmen were denied housing.

"They were told that we would be glad to have them

at Winona State, but they would have to find off campus housing," said Scheevel. "It is important to note that everyone who applied for housing before our guaranteed housing date was accommodated."

Last year, the guaranteed housing date was set on March 15, but the Housing Office was able to find rooms for applicants until the end of April.

Winona State's Housing and Residence Life always accepts a number of residents equal to about 104 percent occupancy.

Normally, this slight overbooking is not a problem because some students don't show up when it's time to start the semester.

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Photo by Katherine Chickey/Winonan

Katie Mae Mueller, left, sells products to Debbye Sward-Fihn on Aug. 30 at the Farmers Market in downtown Winona.

Eating local gives back to the community

By Stephanie Trask
Winonan

Bruno Borsari, biology professor at Winona State University, dreams of having huge fields of vegetables, raised by agro-ecology students, used in the dishes that Chartwells prepares students.

The little herb garden in the Science Lab will have to do for now, given the lack of land and resources for farming on such a high level.

"We need to put appreciation back into local food and how to grow our own food," Borsari said.

Students can get involved with buying food from local farmers whether it's shopping at the weekly Winona Farmers Market, the Bluff Country Co-

op, or by urging administration to incorporate local food into Chartwell's menus.

Borsari is interested in creating classes that teach students about where exactly food comes from, and how to grow it ourselves.

"The way we consume is driven by convenience, which is counteracted with how to prepare meals," Borsari said.

Bruce Bechtle, director of campus dining services, met with Borsari and half a dozen local farmers in January to discuss the possibility of mixing in local food with Chartwells.

"We need to find a model that would fit with our university," Bechtle said. "We would need such a high volume of food, among other difficulties."

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Warrior Hub gives
students a new resource

A letter from our
Student Senate president

West Campus gets
Harry Potter makeover

Warrior XC leaves
competition in the dust

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Get educated Alcohol class for first-year students

By Kaarina Alfors
Winonan

According to a report from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), approximately 1,400 college student deaths occur per year as a result of alcohol consumption.

Winona State University was unfortunately added to this statistic last school year when 20-year-old Jenna Foellmi was found dead in her apartment as a result of alcohol poisoning.

This year, Winona State University has spent \$25,000 in order to curb this statistic by offering all incoming freshmen an online course aimed at alcohol education.

This zero-credit course, appropriately named AlcoholEdu, is currently being used to educate college students at more than 500 colleges and universities around the United States.

The online course is comprised of two parts. AlcoholEdu's first part takes approximately 2.5 hours to complete.

This includes five alcohol related sections used to educate the student about alcohol as well as personalized feedback for the student.

Also, students have a chance to participate in interactive exercises and gain access to a student networking website.

To motivate the incoming freshmen to take the AlcoholEdu course, Winona State has offered a variety of prizes that students are able to win upon their completion of the course.

These prizes included various gift certificates for Winona State clothing and parking passes.

Parents of Winona State students may also have access to the AlcoholEdu course online from the University's website.

At this site, they are able to discover what the course is offering and teaching their kids about coming to a school where drinking takes place.

This year, AlcoholEdu was taken by eighty percent of Winona State freshmen.

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Starting out little by little, for example by adding just eggs or just cabbage, is a good start for the campus, building up to local foods of all kinds.

"Will we see that happening this semester? No," Bechtle said. "By next fall? I sure hope so."

Gretchen Michlitsch is an English professor and member of the WSU's Climate Commitment Committee, a staff and student organization administered by University President Judith Ramaley in an effort to "go green."

Michlitsch is on the committee to support local farmers and to include their produce in dining services, along with Borsari and Bechtle.

"The farmers seemed so enthused about selling their produce to us," she said. "We should really take the opportunity that they're giving us on great food."

Kim Staycoff is a junior at Winona State and recalls eating salad from the cafeteria that didn't seem quite so fresh.

"I would have loved to see fresher foods," Staycoff said. "Who wouldn't want fresher foods?"

Should local farmers sign on with Winona State, there is a possibility that the cost of meal plans may increase about \$10

per student.

A highly noted local hot spot of fresh produce is Winona's Farmers Market.

Sandy Dietz is Treasurer of the Farmers Market and is a farmer herself, raising pastured beef and growing vegetables and hay.

She understands the struggles of local farmers and the importance of buying locally.

"It's good for students, for everybody because it's keeping money in the area," Dietz said.

She hands a customer her change from a purchase of cherry tomatoes and small potatoes.

"If you shop at the Farmers' Market, you can talk with a person and ask how that food is grown, and if there are any problems you can go right back to that person," Dietz said. "You can't do that at a regular grocery store."

Another place in Winona to not only buy food from local growers but to also see a variety of organic foods, visit the Bluff Country Co-op on Second St. and Johnson.

Although it may appear to be a smaller grocery store, do not be intimidated by the size.

Over 800 families and individuals have a share with the store, contributing their own produced dairy products, meat,

vegetables, fruits, breads and more.

Liz Haywood is the general manager at Bluff Country and said that the shop only carries products that are sustainable, ecological, fair-trade and grown with humane practices.

For example, the eggs come from a farmer who uses grass feed without hormones to feed the chickens, and the chickens are treated humanely, getting exercise instead of sitting in cages.

"Not everything here is organic or locally grown, but it does have the highest quality that you will find around here," Haywood said.

In non-local foods, there are standards set as to the level of chemicals, such as high-fructose corn syrup that can be in the product.

The store is also wallet-friendly, with the opportunity to buy many foods in bulk, such as grains, veggies, oats and pasta.

And as of just last fall, the entire store was certified as fair-trade, which means that all the international sellers, such as the farmers in Columbia who sell coffee beans, treat and pay their workers fairly and also promote sustainability with their farms.

Each year Bluff Country Co-op will go through a recertification process to uphold strict fair-trade standards.

Cherie Hales is the Board President for the Co-op, and hopes to see more students shopping at the store.

"The greatest power is where our dollar is going," Hales said. "I want to support and help the

soil, the family farmers and the local community. When you buy from local farmers, they're earning enough to support their families, send their kids to school, who will in return contribute to our society. It's one big circle in the end."

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HALLS

This year, an even larger amount of students arrived.

"We have no way of knowing how many people will show up," said Scheevel. "Our numbers are based on a historical percentage of students who have shown up."

She also pointed out that it is becoming a more common practice for freshmen to apply for housing at multiple universities, and then make a decision at the last minute.



Photo by Katherine Chickey/Winonan

Winona State freshman Megan McKenzie lives with Katie Sveen and Emma Rude in a build-up on the eleventh floor in Sheehan Hall. About 50 freshmen were denied housing.

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They paved paradise and added five parking lots

By Greg Eichten
Winonan

Students frustrated with combing the streets of Winona for a place to park have found sanctuary.

Over the summer, Winona State University added five new parking lots to the campus.

Although students will still need a parking pass, these lots will be available to students will soon starting.

The largest of the new lots is located on Sarnia and Huff Streets, and will be called the Lincoln lot.

The other two lots on main campus are located on Sarnia and Main Streets, and Mark and Main Streets.

New lots have also been added on West Campus next to Maria Hall and across from Tau Center on Mark and Hilbert Streets.

The new lots add a total of 423 parking spaces to Winona State's repertoire, although these were added with the construction of a new residence hall in mind.

The new hall will eventually be located where the silver lot now stands, resulting in a loss of 354 parking spaces.

Construction of the new hall is expected to begin sometime in the spring.

"The good news is that we have acquired additional parking to compensate for the loss of spaces from the new building," said Steve Ronkowski, project manager of Facilities Services.

The cost of the five new lots was about \$763,000 total plus \$85,000 for landscaping.

This was paid for with state allocated funds and by student tuition.

The land for some of the lots

was purchased from homeowners in the area.

The new lot on Mark and Hilbert Streets, across from Tau Center, is testing out an environmentally-friendly concrete that allows water to be absorbed and drain into the ground, instead of going into the city's sewer system.

A rain garden was also installed near Maria Hall, which will handle water drainage from the area by absorbing it with peat moss and other plant life.

"These features were part of our green initiative.

We want Winona State to slowly start being more sustainable," said Kurt Lohide, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services.

Parking Services' goal is to make sure that there is enough parking in the area for students and to make sure that the city



Photo by Katherine Chickey/Winonan

A construction sign sits in the new Winona State University parking lot at the corner of Main and Sarnia Streets.

streets are not always filled with student cars.

"We take seriously our responsibility to be good citizens of the community. Our job is to stay away from putting more cars out onto the residential

streets and to have consideration for the local homeowners," said Lohide.

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Warrior Hub: the new academic hotspot



Photo by Katherine Chickey/Winonan

Jacquelyn Lettner, left, answers Josh Curry's questions about student loans on Sept. 5 at the new Warrior Hub in Maxwell Hall.

By Courtney Zinter
Winonan

After two years of remaining vacant, Maxwell Hall now plays host to the Warrior Hub, an information center where students can go to meet all their administrative needs.

The move involved 13 offices, three of which currently make up the Warrior Hub: the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid and the Cashier's Office.

According to Connie Gores, Vice President of Student Life and Development, the heart of Maxwell

lies in the Warrior Hub.

"Basically the concept behind it is that students are able to streamline the student experience in taking care of their administrative business and accessing information," Gores said. "I think it is really exciting because students can go to that hub, and regardless of who they see in the hub, that person should be able to answer the question for them."

Bull, a senior at Winona State University, said the new location may confuse some students who got used to visiting the old offices, but works to a student's advan-

tage.

"The convenience is having all of the most important aspects of being a student at one spot for your disposal," Bull said.

According to Bull, who now works in the Purple Pass Office, the staff who work at the Hub took on a lot more work with the move.

"For everyone that works at the hub now, they are doing their own work plus trying to learn how to help the students at the hub," Bull said.

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ALCOHOL

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AlcoholEdu is aimed at educating students about alcohol in order to promote safe decision making and help handle situations where other students are drinking alcohol.

This course is being used as a prevention program in order to school Winona State freshmen about the consumption of alcohol.

So far the program has received positive feedback.

Connie Gores said freshmen

students have found the course to be informative and it has reinforced what they already knew about alcohol.

Although the course will not solve the problem of underage drinking in Winona, it is a hopeful beginning to the education of college drinking.

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A letter from Student Senate President David Obray

Whether you are willing to admit it or not, you spent the last four months anticipating the beginning of the new school year.

And for good reason.

The new school year offers many opportunities.

Among these is the opportunity to benchmark the advances we have made over the last year—social, physical, or intellectual.

To fully appreciate these advances, you must take a minute and reflect on your past.

One year ago, what were your goals in these categories? What actions did you take to achieve those goals? Are you still working toward them?

Maybe it was an internship, an opportunity on campus, or some other criterion you have for success.

Regardless of whether you obtained all of your goals or not, you have another opportunity this year.

Contrary to popular belief, the new school year does not allow us the opportunity to reinvent ourselves.

Rather, it allows us to apply experiences from past failures and successes to the obstacles of the future.

In other words, there is no way to rewrite our core competencies.

To be successful this next year, you must assess your strengths and weaknesses and use them to push your limits. This year, you have the opportunity to escape your limits and achieve your goals.

A year from today, even a week from now, you will have an opportunity to benchmark yourself against the past again.

You will need to ask yourself, "What have I done?"

The answer to that question should never be the same, but only you will be the judge.

One thing is for sure, though. Becoming engaged or involved on campus or in the community will reveal your core competencies.

Student Senate has defined our core competencies as advocacy, representation, and information.

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HUB

"The staff is doing their original jobs plus learning to do all the other jobs at the hub such as financial aid, registrars and student accounts."

During the transition, the staff worked hard to learn the new information and handled things well, according to Gores.

"I have been very impressed with the way the staff has approached this change, they've been receptive to the change," Gores said. "They've worked hard at educating themselves to the different areas."

The \$11.6 million project started with committees meeting and looking at improving Winona State. Gores said they were looking at "envisioning a university for the 21st century."

Gores added that the renovation on Maxwell Hall helps students move through the build-

ing as they go through their college career, starting on the first floor with admissions and working their way to the third floor where advising and career services are located.

"Advising and especially planning for your future are so interlinked with career services that bringing those two together made the perfect sort of blending of functions," Gores said. "We're just starting to implement some integration there with how those two are going to work together."

Other changes on campus included the merging of the Student Answer Center with the Student Union Desk to form a new Student Resource Center.

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Security Incidents

Sunday, Aug. 31

12:10 p.m. It was reported that a window had been broken at Minne Hall. Unknown cause.

Monday, Sept. 1

12:14 a.m. A student was cited for possession of alcohol outside of Kryzsko Commons. Referred to the Conduct Officer.

1:08 a.m. An individual was found with alcohol in the north Sheehan parking lot. The individual was not a student and was asked to leave campus.

Monday, Sept. 1 Cont.

1:20 a.m. A report of some vandalism was received from Maria Hall.

1:08 p.m. Security responded to a trouble alarm at Lourdes Hall. Upon arrival all systems were found cleared. Referred to custom alarm.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Security and EMS responded to Maxwell Hall regarding a sick individual. Upon arrival it was learned that a friend escorted the individual home.

Thursday, Sept. 4

7:47 a.m. Fire and Security responded to the John Nett Center on a fire alarm. It was a false alarm.

Friday, Sept. 5

12:47 a.m.- Security responded to the Huff Street bus stop regarding several disorderly individuals. The Winona Police were also notified and one subject was arrested for minor consuming.

Obama rally brings Senator Klobuchar to Winona State

By Stephanie Trask
Winonan

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, DFL-Minn., spoke to students and faculty Friday afternoon at a campaign rally in support of Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

Though only 60 people were present, fans of Obama listened as Klobuchar listed reasons why students should vote for him this November.

Klobuchar said that Obama understood the value of higher education and the rising cost of tuition for students, leaving them in serious debt out of school.

"He rises to the occasion when times are hard and most leaders would rather hide in the sand," she said.

Klobuchar was speaking to

many first-time voters for this presidential election, including junior Ian Galchutt, who is President for the College Democrats at Winona State.

Though it will be his first time voting in a presidential election, Galchutt knows the importance of getting out to the polls to vote, especially for students.

"No matter who you vote for, it's important to get out there and vote, because the more students that get out there and are voting, the more pro-student funding we'll see coming from the candidates," Galchutt said.

State Rep. Gene Pelowski, DFL-Minn., was also present at the rally alongside Klobuchar.

Being a teacher in Winona, he too understands the importance of students voting in the election.

"I suspect that students are extremely bust and a lot is going on in their lives, but I'm looking to see a big increase in numbers of youth voters this year," Pelowski said.

Pelowski also discusses issues Minnesota has been challenged with over the last year and the need for Obama in office to continue funding for efforts toward those challenges, including the floods of last year.

"It's been a long time since we've had someone at D.C. as committed as Obama is," Pelowski said.

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What's happening at WSU...

Wednesday, September 10

WSU CLASP Lecture Series hosts:
"Water...the Cradle of Life, Indeed"
presented by Bruno Borsari

PLACE: Stark Auditorium
TIME: 7 p.m.
Contact: Toby Gowiler at (507) 457-5267

WSU THAD Department
Holds Auditions for
"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead"

PLACE: Performing Arts Center Green Room
TIME: 6 - 8 p.m.
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Elections for Homecoming Royalty

PLACE: Lower Hyphen
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Thursday, September 11

Mugshots Coffeehouse Live Music :
Teresa O'Neill and Benjamin Cameron

PLACE: West Campus, next to Lourdes Hall.
TIME: 8 p.m.
Contact: Mugshots@winona.edu

UPAC Hosts Save A Life Tour

PLACE: Main Campus Courtyard
TIME: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: GRHarris2885@winona.edu

WSU Athenaeum Series
Professor Emeritus Emilio De Grazia's talk
on "Intellectual Honesty"

PLACE: Darrell W. Krueger Library
TIME: 1 p.m.
Contact: Kendall Larson at (507) 457-5367

WSU Lyceum Series Presents:
"A New War on Poverty- Jonathon
Kozol on Equality and Opportunity in
America"

PLACE: Somsen Auditorium
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
Contact: Kathleen Peterson at
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Elections for Homecoming Royalty

PLACE: Lower Hyphen
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Saturday, September 13

Flood Relief Work in Minnesota City

PLACE: Minnesota City, Minn.
TIME: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Contact: Annie Stadstad at
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Friday, September 12

Where Prairie Meets the River

PLACE: Paul Watkins Gallery
TIME: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Monday, September 15

Where Prairie Meets the River

PLACE: Paul Watkins Gallery
TIME: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 16

Where Prairie Meets the River

PLACE: Paul Watkins Gallery
TIME: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Sunday, September 14

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Fun can be had in Winona — you just have to know where to look



**By Brian Sanders
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In small cities, one common sentiment among teenagers and young adults is often: "There is nothing to do here." It kills me when I hear the same thing uttered by many of my peers here in Winona. I can assure the reader that if you are interested, there are many things to plug yourself into here in Winona.

Of course, that's a common cliché everyone hears when entering college. "Join clubs,

play sports, find some way to get involved!" they tell you. It's something we all heard when entering college; I don't need to be the one to hammer that point in further. I just hope to share a little bit of the Winona I know and love in a way that will interest both freshmen and upperclassmen.

When I tell adults back home in Manitowoc, Wis., that I go to school in Winona, one response I hear a lot is, "That's a beautiful area."

This is undoubtedly true; unfortunately, many students take it for granted, and are deprived of experiences of lovely areas of Winona. Latsch Island, Prairie Island Park, Lake Winona and the bluffs are just some of the basic beautiful places one can go walking, biking, hiking, skipping, climbing, leaping,

cartwheeling, or whatever else someone enjoys.

Speaking of biking, it is important to note that Winona is a great city for bicycling. Between the bluffs and the river, the city is practically devoid of any noticeable hills. This makes biking in town quite easy, as one never needs to adjust for difficult terrain. In fact, since bicycles are much more mobile than cars, you can often get somewhere quicker via bicycle than car in Winona. If you need some help making your bicycle rideable, feel free to e-mail me, and I can perhaps get you some maintenance on behalf of the WSU Environmental Club.

Speaking of free things, one of the coolest things in Winona is the Really Really Free Market, a community sharing event that happens at Sobieski Park (just a couple blocks east of Mankato

on Sanborn Street).

Everyone brings things they don't want or need, or free services they are willing to provide (such as music lessons, haircuts, or free food), and shares them with others from the community for free. Even if someone doesn't need anything, and doesn't have something awesome to bring with them, it is still a great event to take part in; games of Four-Square or simple socializing with a large group of awesome people can be very rewarding. The next 'Free Market' is Sunday, Sept. 21. They are usually every month, but will discontinue when winter comes.

Something else that everyone loves is music. One of the great things about Winona is the amount of live music there is to be enjoyed; it's great for a town this size. Whether it's the

Draught House, Ed's No Name Bar, Acoustic Café, or the Down & Dirty Bike Clubhouse, there is always music to be heard, and quite a bit of it is actually good.

Those are just a few regular things to do here in Winona. There is really no reason to ever be bored or complain about a lack of things to do. Remember, our boredom is how the ruling class is able to sell us pointless consumer goods at Wal-Mart and keep us working terrible jobs to get money to pay for things to do when we are bored. Fighting boredom is crucial to creating a meaningful world. Also, if you ever need something to do, send me an email — I love Ultimate Frisbee and crossword puzzles!

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'We're tireless in our pursuit of news'

Twelve hours minimum are spent in the Winonan office Mondays



**By Sarah Burgen
Winonan**

It's just past midnight Monday night. I had nearly 400 words of an opinion piece written about privacy, but then I realized it was complete crap and I needed a change.

I turned to my fellow hardcore editors and complained about how crappy my article was.

Ashley, my dear friend and the features editor for the Winonan, said, "Hey, you should write about how long we stay here!"

So, Winonan reader, here's

a taste of the dedication we, as writers, editors and business people, put forth to attempt to put out a newspaper each week.

Sunday night, Ash and I spent four hours rearranging our office to be "more conducive to a work environment."

Then, I spent an hour meeting with news editor Rachel, photo editor Fred, photographers and our small but mighty news staff. We planned stories for the Sept. 17 issue, talked about problems we'd had during the last week and threw out future ideas.

Generally, I meet with various university bigshots about problems that week's issue had. I iron out any kinks and make sure we're not going to get sued.

I (try to) recruit new staff members. The op/ed above was written by one of my hand-picked columnists. Look

forward to great things from him this year. He's got a lot of opinions, which is really appropriate for this section.

Today, I had class at 11 a.m. Immediately after, I came to the Winonan office. So, if you're good at math, I've been here for about 12 hours, minus the hour and a half I went to my evening class.

Basically, even if there are mistakes in this issue, know that it wasn't because we didn't put the time and effort forth to produce a great issue.

As I write, our copy editor, Alyx, is working tirelessly in InDesign, despite not being at all familiar with the program. Ash is fixing minor details on each of her six pages. Chandler, the sports editor, is waiting to use my computer and is reading and doing homework on the couch in our office.

Our marketing director, Bri,

and her assistant, Brooke, work hard to see that you, yes you, are reading the Winonan. Jenna, our ad manager, meets with countless local business to get revenue in ad sales and help us fill our paper with familiar names.

Our photographers go out and shoot at least 200 photos at sports' games.

The writers scramble to get interviews done with busy faculty and students.

Dustin, our fearless HR director, sifts through applications to find only the most worthy. (Who am I kidding? We interview almost everyone.)

Regardless, I love what I do. I love being in charge of something, and I even love the criticism, because it means people are reading our work.

Sure, I have a 9:30 a.m. class tomorrow. Sure, I have been

incredibly sick all weekend with various sinus/throat/ear infections. I'm with some of my favorite people and even when we're super annoyed at writers or ourselves, we find time to laugh.

Our office has the nastiest carpet on all of campus, and we find random yearbooks from the 1980s lying around in boxes. There's a year-old yogurt container in our mold-infested fridge, and it's alright.

We know that even though we're struggling to get everything put together, we'll be back next week with optimistic attitudes.

Oh, by the way, it's 1 a.m. and we're not done yet.

Enjoy the issue.

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The perfect boyfriend not found on match.com



By Lauren Vincenti
Winonan

If you haven't noticed already, the female population at Winona State University is strikingly larger than the male population.

Taking this into account, and knowing that I could not type my requirements or the requirements of every other girl on campus into the search bar on amazon.com, I have taken the liberty to go on search for the perfect college boyfriend.

I've tried looking in the library, the coffee shops, and even the Winona bars and each time I have walked back to my apartment without an escort.

I looked for him in each of my classes, but I've just come up with an empty notebook and lack of a study buddy.

My search has gone on since I walked into the double doors of Sheehan Hall two years ago. I was ready to give up.

In fact, I did give up.

I decided to go to Madison for a Badger game and the Taste of Madison over Labor Day weekend.

My cousins, our friend, recently dubbed Coleslaw, and I loaded the car and headed to our destination.

On our way, we all felt the nauseating pang of hunger and knew it was time for a quick stop at KFC.

It was there that I finally found the answer to my most frequently pondered question: who would be the most perfect boyfriend for a college girl?

The answer: a freshly shaven Amish man with tiny suspenders.

How was this not the most crystal-clear piece of understanding? It had to be!

I shared my newfound genius to my ride mates.

They all concurred, and together, we compiled a brief list of reasons an Amish man would be a wonderful addition to any woman's life.

First, our actual in the ground mailboxes would be filled with beautiful love letters and sweet nothings.

We agreed that because the Internet isn't available as an Amish resource we wouldn't be receiving any emails or instant messages from Ahmisyoud@aol.com.

Perfect! I would love a kind letter amongst my not so reciprocal bills.

The next thing any perfect boyfriend wouldn't need to think twice of would be taking me on a horseback ride around an antique looking barn and into the sunset.

Every girl has probably had visions of a romantic rendezvous like that one since each was in seventh grade.

Maybe, though, some girls don't like the romantic type of guy. Still, the Amish man would be her dream boyfriend.

He is Mr. Fix-it.

Again, my ride-mates and I agreed that because Amish people always build everything themselves, they would know what to do if your bedroom window was jammed, the leg of the table was loose, or you

got a flat on the wooden wheel of your buggy.

Our conversation came to a halt, but I toyed with the idea for a while longer. My list included reasons like heartfelt homemade gifts, fresh produce, and never feeling crowded.

I then came up with some downfalls to having a church-going Amish boyfriend.

I would never get to put our picture on my wall because, being Amish, he wouldn't be able to take pictures.

I could never send him text messages about where to meet me in five minutes, because it would take him more than five minutes to get out of Tomah.

Taking both the pros and cons into account, I quickly dismissed the idea of having said Amish boyfriend.

Therefore, my question remains unanswered and every woman's ideal man has flown under the radar yet again.

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'Real' reality — We could take a life lesson from stars of 'The Hills'

Last Monday night, I noticed a strange absence of the beautiful girls who usually race into my dorm room each night. I immediately assumed the world was finally coming to an end, but I decided to investigate this enigma with great curiosity. After several minutes of spying through windows and scouting the premises, I noticed nearly every attractive female specimen on campus was sitting in front of a television screen. Upon further investigation my study concluded that the ladies' focus was on a MTV reality

television series known as "The Hills." Therefore, I decided to indulge in an episode of this socially influential television series.

"The Hills" is a "real life" documentary about a group of young adults living in the hills of Los Angeles. Several of the characters are documented during their extremely high profile jobs they acquired despite their inexperience. Normally, I despise reality television because it is usually a corrupt misinterpretation of how humans typically react in real

life situations. However, "The Hills" is a refreshing, accurate portrayal of the social struggles nearly every American young adult encounters. In last week's episode, Lauren Conrad, the main character, was nearly in tears dealing with the guilt of breaking her boyfriend's heart (we've all been there before). Meanwhile at a high profile fashion agency, Whitney, an employee at the agency, was stressed about her date with a gorgeous model later that night. My favorite character, Spencer, was arguing with his

sister about his broken relationship with Lauren. He compared his relationship with Lauren to the conflict between Israel and Iran. Who would have thought such hatred existed in the beautiful hills of Los Angeles? After watching Spencer nearly have an anxiety attack while lounging in his million-dollar estate, I realized Israelites truly have it easy. The high-class individuals on "The Hills" are faced with many more difficult situations. They have to decide which Rolex to wear each day, which Lexus to drive and which celeb-

rity parties to attend. I cannot even fathom the torture these people endure!

Personally, I would like to thank MTV for using their populist media knowledge in a brilliant manner. "The Hills" is an incredible portrayal of important real-life situations. I commend MTV for finally creating a television series that is not a detriment to American society.

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West campus gets Harry Potter-style makeover

By Rebecca Erdmann
Winonan

Winona State University's West campus dorms will feel a bit more like Hogwarts this fall.

West Campus' three halls: Lourdes, Tau and Maria, have been divided into seven houses, each named for a constellation.

The constellations were chosen for their relation to the navigation of the Mississippi River.

Ron Elcombe is the Residential College Director, and the force behind the creation of the new house system.

Aquila House consists of students living in Tau Center. Eridanus House is the first and second floors of Maria Hall; Octans House is the third and fourth floors of Maria.

Pyxis House is in Lourdes Hall, on the south side of floors one and two; Hydra House is located on the north side of the first and second floors.

Volans House is made up of the north half of Lourdes' third floor, and Vela House is located on the south side of Lourdes' third floor, as well as the entire fourth floor.



Photo by Fred Schulze/Winonan
Coreena Davidson, a freshman at Winona State University, plays chess with Ron Elcombe, director of the residential college, on Sept. 2 in Lourdes Hall. The banner for Pyxis House hangs above them, one of seven banners that represent the new housing system for west campus.

According to information given to each student living on west campus, each house has a

coat of arms and a motto.

Jennifer Schmelzer, a senior living in Maria, designed the

coats of arms last spring.

Schmelzer chose the colors for each house and decided on

designs that fit with the names.

She said that Hydra house was supposed to be Corina, meaning the hull of a boat but was changed because the Vela house symbol is also a boat.

Houses consist of 80 to 120 students of both genders, with two or three Resident Assistants attached to each house.

"The idea of houses came from Ivy League schools," Elcombe says, which have a long history of using the system.

The goal of the houses is to blend the areas of academic life and social life on west campus.

Elcombe hopes that the new system will expand the opportunities to learn, without making academic life seem "stuffy."

A welcome banquet was held to officially introduce the house system at the end of Orientation Week.

While the new system is still forming, Elcombe is hopeful that by spring semester house societies will have formed.

Societies such as debate club and a singing society would give residents of West campus, both students and faculty, a chance to enjoy a shared

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Winona State capital campaign to raise \$10 mil

By Courtney Cosgriff
Winonan

Light the Way, Winona State University's first capital campaign, aims to raise \$10 million by 2010.

The money raised during the campaign will be distributed to three areas: scholarships, the Integrated Wellness Complex and the National Child Protection Training Center.

\$4 million will go to various scholarships, such as academic, need-based, athletic and talent. \$3.5 million will go to the Well-

ness Complex and \$2.5 million to the National Child Protection Training Center.

Capital campaigns are more common for private colleges and larger research universities, but in the last 30 years, due to decreases in state funding, they have become more prominent for smaller public universities, says Jim Schmidt, Vice President of Advancement at Winona State.

"Many people believe that Winona State University is a 'state supported' institution. We would more appropriately

be described as a 'state assisted' institution," says Schmidt. "Thirty years ago, nearly 70 percent of WSU's budget came from the state of Minnesota; today we receive 29 percent total operating budget from the state.

While the campaign was just recently announced to the public, the Winona State Advancement office has been working for a couple years securing major gifts.

As of August 1, 157 donors pledged more than \$6.4 million to the Light the Way campaign.

Most of these gifts have been \$25,000 or more.

"Now that we have publicly announced the campaign, we

will be seeking gifts of all sizes," says Schmidt. "We have

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The Ruckus

A music review for a town without a record store.

Beach Boy comes back around

By Jack Chandler
Winona

As the creative force behind the best band this side of the Atlantic during the 1960s, it's hard to think that psychologically, Brian Wilson had nothing left in the tank.

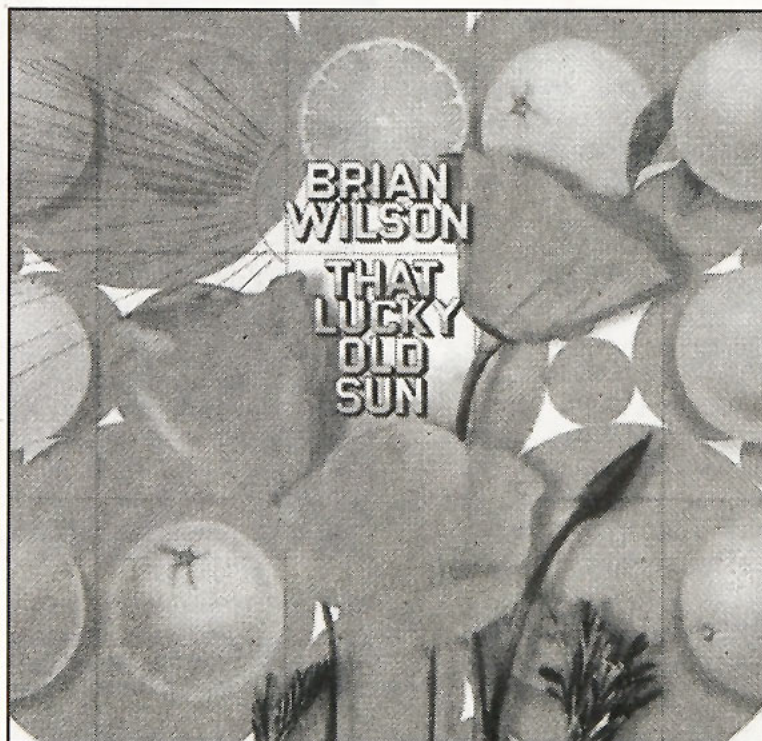
The former Beach Boys lead singer has spent the better part of the last four decades depressed and battling a cocaine addiction, all the while watching his legendary group transform from "American music staple" to "burnt out novelty act."

The steady decline in health of one of America's greatest songwriters was a subject so painful and sad that it became taboo to speak of.

But, for the first time since his creative youth, Wilson has been sober for a number of consecutive years, and his latest solo release feels like a personal diary reading that gives insight to just how glorious life can be.

Wilson's "That Lucky Old Sun" is a tight California ode that brings you back to 1962.

The LP's title doubles as a full orchestra reprise that appears throughout the album, tying to-



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gether track after track of luscious throwback beach tunes.

There are some great verses of California imagery as well, courtesy of Wilson's writing partner Van Dyke Parks.

Cuts like "Morning Beat," "Going Home" and "Forever She'll Be My Surfer Girl" sound like they were arranged for the old Cali-quintet, five-piece harmonies and all.

The string arrangements found on a majority of the tracks add some emo depth to Wilson's generally upbeat lyrics. While "That Lucky Old Sun" has a few of the classic "teenage innocence" cuts The Beach Boys did so well, a majority of these gems sound like long-lost leftovers from the "Pet Sounds" sessions.

On the light piano clipper "Live Let Live," Wilson takes a warm-hearted shot at old rival Paul McCartney, playing the creationist role against Paul's thick rocker with a more aptly morbid name.

This is a fitting jab for Wilson, who suffered for years under the pressure of trying to quell The Beatles British invasion on his home turf.

"California Role" is a ragtime rouser that gets an as-

sist from a dirty Chuck Berry riff, as Wilson reminds all the dreamers, "If you miss your shot, it doesn't mean you won't reach your goal."

The album gets autobiographical with the up and down "Oxygen to the Brain," where Wilson recalls "how could I have got so low, I'm embarrassed to tell you so, I laid around this old place, I hardly ever washed my face."

"Southern California" offers a scenic ride through a perfect Los Angeles day.

The record does its best to bring the listener back to the 1960s romance of California beaches, California movies and California sunshine.

The makeup of "That Lucky Old Sun" is everything Brian Wilson should have done with his career after The Beach Boys, but never could do.

This release is a time capsule from Wilson's creative peak; an epiphany that maybe all that was needed to wake up was a little sun.

Now as a reformed man, Wilson assures the listener, "Ready, set in California, I'm filling up my lungs again and breathing in life."

The Fire Five

1

"Someday"

DJ K.O. ft. Torae, Talib Kweli, John Robinson & Tiffany Paige

DJ K.O. brings out a few familiar friends for this soul-drenched throwback. "Hip-hop in its' purist form so pledge allegiance." Indeed.

2

"Cyanide"
Metallica

The thrash-metal kings just don't know how to go away. They have continued to gain new fans and followers over their nearly 30 years in rock and roll. This single from the group's upcoming studio album sticks to the legendary formula, heavy and loud.

3

"Magic Touch"
Robin Thicke
ft. Mary J. Blige

Orchestra driven remix of Thicke's "Magic" single from earlier this summer gets a little help from R&B diva Blige. "The Evolution of Robin Thicke" was one of 2007's more pleasant surprises, so it should be interesting to see what JT junior tackles next.

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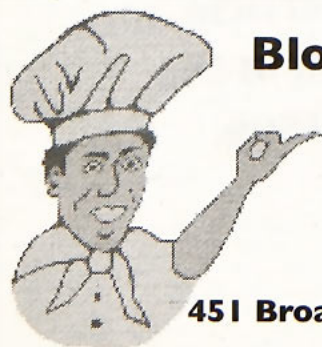
"B Movie Saga"
The Fratellis

The Scottish rockers who get better with every listen deliver something fun with their "Look Out Sunshine!" EP. There are three new studio cuts, along with one live recording to satisfy a hungry fan's appetite.

5

"I Came Around"
Amie Miriello

"Everyone changes with a chance, and I came around," sings the former Dirtie Blonde lead singer. Miriello ditched her dirty blonde locks in favor of a darker look for her new album; the lyrics on this impressively candid record follow suit.



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About as inaccurate as it gets: "College"

Film
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Comedy

Director
Deb Hagan

Cast
Drake Bell, Kevin
Covais, Andrew
Caldwell, Haley
Bennett

MPAA Rating
R

Run Time
94 minutes

Joe's Judgement
D

By Joe Underbakke
Winonan

When I first saw the trailer for "College" my initial reaction went something like this, "Oh my God...exactly."

I had never seen such an honest, accurate representation of what college is like and I was immediately enthralled.

I knew that, since I write for a college newspaper, I needed to see this documentary and share my experience with everyone who is likely to relate to it.

After seeing the movie, I can say with the utmost confidence that it actually isn't a documentary but a lowbrow comedy filled with no-name actors whose characters' only notable trait is that they resemble characters in several other better movies.

They're all there, the overweight, eccentric friend who isn't afraid to tell the truth, the nerdy friend who ends up swearing more than you'd expect, and the cool, rational

friend who acts as the means by which you can contrast the other two. None of them work.

I'm going to stop, mid-review, and let you all know that none of this was surprising.

I knew before I went to the theater that this movie would be awful and decided to buy a ticket to "Tropic Thunder" instead so I didn't give any money to those who don't deserve it.

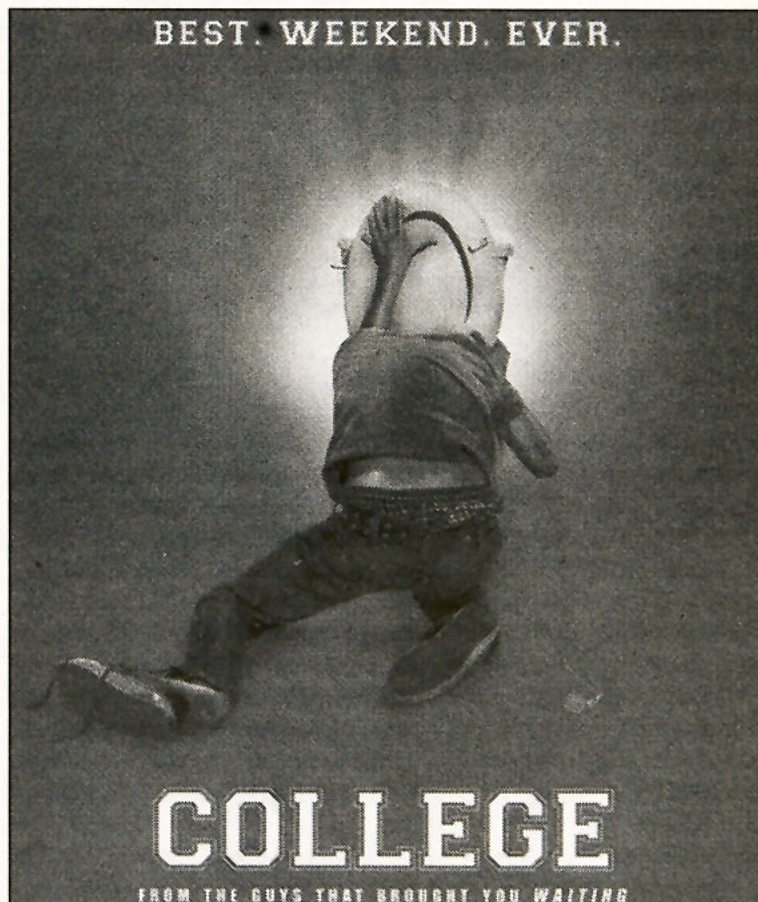
Now you may be wondering, "Hey Joe, isn't that stealing? I thought you were an upstanding citizen," to which I would reply "It's not stealing if it doesn't have any value."

Speaking of stealing, the one person in this movie who stole the screen was Vern Troyer of "Austin Powers" fame.

Playing himself, Vern Troyer had a solid five minutes of screen time in which he did his little person shtick, getting picked up, giving funny hugs and being obnoxious.

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BEST. WEEKEND. EVER.



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"College" is a comedy about college life starring Drake Bell, Kevin Covais, Andrew Caldwell and Haley Bennett.

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Sing It Loud will be in
La Crosse, Wis., on Sept. 25
at The Warehouse.

Look for an article in
the Winonan in the
Sept. 24 issue.

Navigation, efficiency tips for WSU students

By Stephanie Vetter
Winonan

This week is the third week of school, and many students already know the Winona State University campus like the back of their hand, but other, newer students are still getting used to things.

The first few weeks are marked by reading through syllabi, icebreaker games, finding a friend group that fits and getting into the swing of things.

But now, in the third week of classes, group projects begin, homework, tests and quizzes are assigned and students get into certain schedules.

Winona State offers a variety of places and services to accomplish everything necessary to success in college; the trouble is knowing where to go to find these things.

One of the most important and time-consuming activities for most college students is studying.

Winona State offers study places that are sure to fit any type of studier and situation.

Freshman study groups frequent kitchenettes and lounges located in dormitories. These can be convenient for groups who need to print, since all dormitories have printing services located at their front desks.

Private rooms in the library are also available for study groups. These rooms fill up daily, so reserving them is recommended.

The library provides four main different areas for study: private rooms, the first floor, and the second and third floors.

The first floor of the library houses the most printers, but

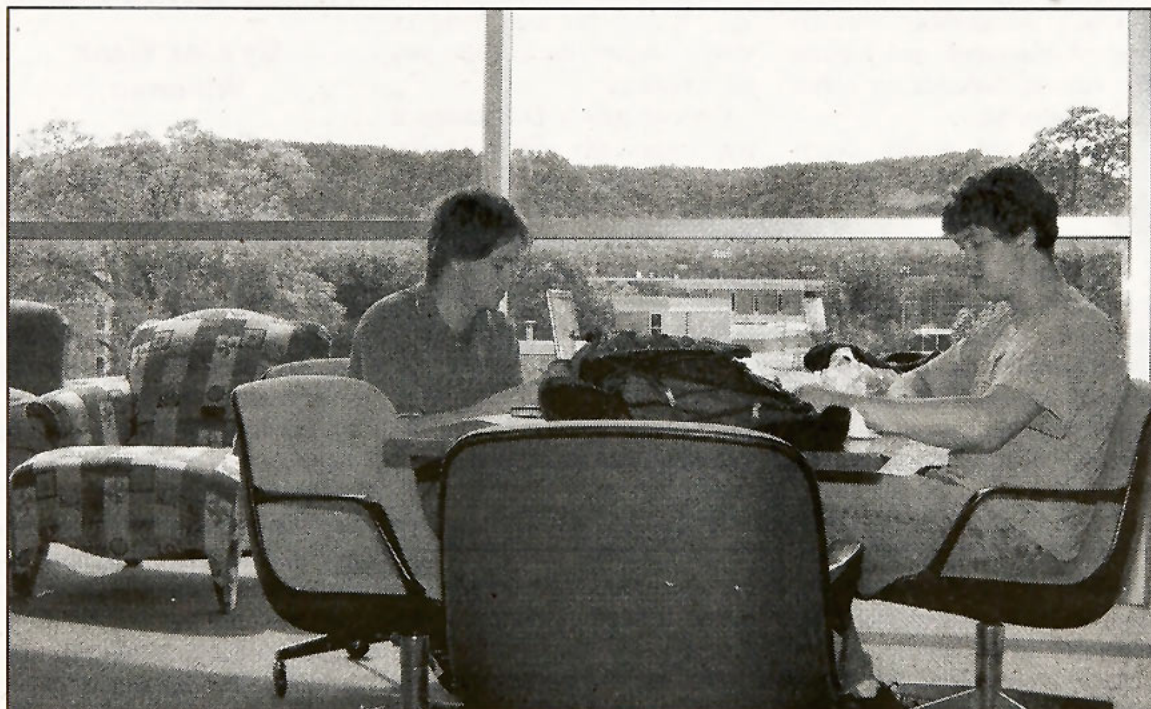


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Winona State University Seniors Jake Pitt, left, and Brandon Johnson study Sept. 5 in the third floor study room of the Science Laboratory Center. Filled with couches, Pitt and Johnson say it's a great place to study because it's quiet and not crowded. "It's the best view," Pitt said.

these printers tend to be the most heavily used. It is also the loudest floor in the library.

The second floor houses the majority of private study rooms as well as a printer. The second floor is quieter than the first, and therefore, has fewer distractions.

Brianna McDonough, a sophomore music education major likes the noise level on the second floor.

She says it's perfect if "you don't want everyone staring at you because you unzipped your backpack too loud."

Staring may happen atop the third floor where there is a no-noise policy. There are no conversations and no intentional loud disruptions on the third floor.

There is also a printer located on the third floor, which is one of the least used printers on campus.

There are also study areas in Kryzsko Commons. The lower hyphen, Smaug, and Art Tye Lounge offer students a loud place to study, while the Baldwin Lounge is quieter.

Between spending tedious hours in class and the library, building a social life and sleep, staying in shape has been known to be an issue, especially for freshman.

Winona State's fitness center, located in the basement of Wabasha Hall on Wabasha and Lafayette Streets, is a free fitness facility for students and faculty.

The fitness center's busiest

hours are 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

There is usually a wait for elliptical machines, treadmills and other cardio equipment, so signing up for a machine upon arrival is recommended regardless of the time of day.

Knowing when to go to the cafeteria can also be important for students looking for efficiency.

The busiest times at the main campus cafeteria are 11 a.m. and noon.

Many students have only one hour to eat lunch before starting class again, which results in lines that sometimes wrap around and continue down the main stairs.

The cafeteria, however, tends to have shorter lines by 11:15

a.m.

Waiting in line at the cafeteria sometimes seems like a lifetime, but is usually relatively short compared to the waits at Technology Support.

The busiest hours at Tech. Support are weekdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

The slowest times are before 10 a.m., 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and especially after 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

Tech. Support has a strict privacy policy.

They will not look at personal information, back up information or look up passwords.

The Science Lab Center may possibly be the most hidden gem for anyone who does not frequent this building.

Study rooms can be found on each floor of the south side of the Science Lab Center.

These rooms contain tables and chairs, as well as plush chairs and couches and are one of the most popular places to take a nap between or after class.

There are also many staircases in the Science Lab Center to minimize staircase flooding before and after class.

Printers are harder to find in this building, however, just across from the Science Lab Center, Watkins Hall has printers accessible on every floor.

As the end of the third week of classes nears and the fourth week begins, keep these "secrets" in mind to stay as efficient as possible.

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Library

Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m.-2 a.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.-2 a.m.

The Wharf C-Store

Monday - Friday	7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	5 p.m.-11 p.m.

Fitness Center

Monday-Thursday	6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday	6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m.-8 p.m.

COLLEGE

Not even a cameo of that magnitude could save this movie from what it inevitably would be: bad.

The jokes, when there were jokes, usually fell short and felt exaggerated, typically revolving around some kind of pseudo-sexual perversion (the only way I can put it without offending someone).

In its defense, I did chuckle a couple times, but it was mainly at physical humor such as someone getting hit with a paintball and then falling humorously.

Good times.

So, was it an accurate depiction of college?

That's the question I really wanted answered, and I guess the answer depends on a few other questions.

Do you see nudity everywhere you go regardless of time of day or what day of the week it is?

Are there ever strippers in cages and professional musical acts at the parties you go to?

Do people you know nearly murder friends and then watch the videotape of it and laugh?

Give yourself one point for

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every question you answered "yes" to, and then tally them up. If you got one point or above...where the hell do you go to college?

College gets a D because it was technically still a movie, so it succeeded in that regard. An F would have to be where I go to a movie theater and they just don't play anything.

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HOUSES

interest.

Elcombe acknowledges that the house system is still fledgling, and hopes that more societies will be created as members of the Residential College become more involved.

He envisions not only the debate and singing societies, but also a bread making society, and a kite making society.

"Academic components can be applied," Elcombe says.

Chemistry is a major part of bread making, for example, while kite making and flying would be impossible without knowledge of physics.

Students' reactions to the houses have ranged from enthusiastic to unaware.

Mary Palin, a Resident Assistant in Hydra house has "seen changes already," and says that attendance at house events has increased.

Allyce Fries, a junior who has lived on West campus for the past three years said that while she hasn't seen changes yet, "Hopefully more RAs involved in the houses will mean a broader range of planned activities."

Other students, however, have noticed nothing other than

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the appearance of banners with house crests throughout the dorms.

The new system will need time to mature; Elcombe said that Resident Assistants will need to adjust to the new leadership structure, and no one is really sure yet how the House Council system will take shape.

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Evening with Wank

Guess who's back, baby.

By Alex Wank
Winonan

There are stories, handed down through generations, uplifting the spirits and garnishing wisdom to those that are lucky enough to hear them.

They are tales buried deep within each of our souls, reaching out from the very core of our existence, binding us all.

I speak of the classic saga of the underdog, facing the disastrous odds stacked against him/her head-on and fully completing his/her goal, teaching us that anything we set our minds to is possible.

Due to the fact that this column is still in the school paper, I concur with the above statement.

Anything, no matter how wrong it may be, is possible. That's some advice to live by, dear reader.

Yes, I'm still in the paper. It seems that Winona can't keep a good man down—or me either.

Well, Winona State University, I've only been here for a short amount of time, but I would like to publicly declare that you rock and/or roll.

And also, this column is all in good fun.

Don't go shutting a brother down.

For those of you who don't know, I am a Republican. Before you destroy this newspaper, please listen to me.

There is something that I need to say about Barak Obama.

As you may, or may not know, Obama has been asking—nay, demanding—change.

His entire stance is based on the fact that he wants change.

Dear reader, I say we give it to him. Quarters, dimes, nickels, whatever you have.

The man wants our change. I say we just give in and make him happy.

As such, I'm starting the fictional club "Pocket Change for Barack."

Join in, and soon he'll have all the change he needs.

A small side note, I did just write "fictional club." That means it doesn't exist.

So, I don't want a ton of e-mail asking me where to sign up.

If I get any e-mail, I will burn it. I'm not sure how that's possible, but I will find a way.

Moving on to lighter news, I am predicting the end of the world.

I say that it will happen on Sept. 7, 2008.

That being said, this column will not be released until Sept. 10, 2008.

You see, one way, I'm wrong.

The other way, no one will read this. I suppose the end of the world might be best in this case.

If there are any readers who would like something to do at night, come to west ampus. There are almost always night games, such as capture the flag.

It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people.

Or you could just party.

It's your choice. But for the record, Alex Wank believes in having a fun night that you can actually remember.

Yes, I went there. I went there, baked a cake, brought it here, realized you preferred vanilla over chocolate, went back, made it a vanilla cake, took a nap, and then came back here.

Now let's eat this cake.

To end this edition, I'd like to remind all of you to avoid the cabbage roll at all costs.

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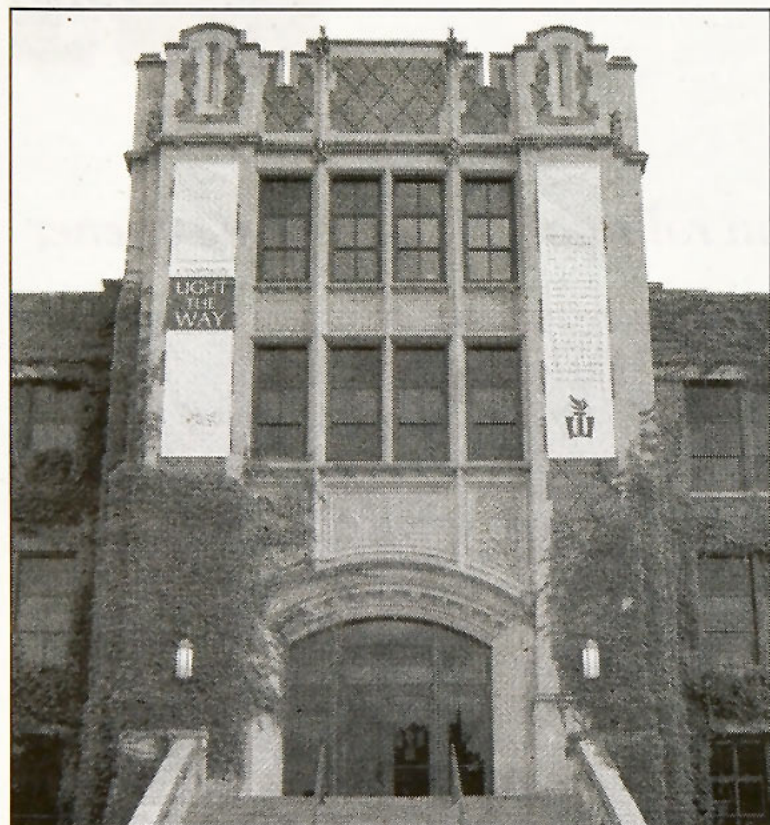


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Winona State University's first capital campaign was recently publically announced. Banners now hang outside Somsen Hall facing north. The campaign aims to raise \$10 million by

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dozens of volunteers and a committed WSU Foundation Board that have been active."

It is not just the Winona State University Foundation Board that can get involved; students can also be a part of the process.

A group of student volunteers developed a student-giving program.

"[The students'] goal is to have students realize that WSU is the kind of institution that it is because others before them cared enough to make gifts," says Schmidt. "Stated differently, students will be able to 'pay it forward' to help future students."

Schmidt adds that he believes students are important ambassadors for the university.

"Benefactors give because they see that their investment in [students] will make a difference in the world," says Schmidt. "They realize that

WSU students are at the core of every community. Students are going to be teaching future generations of kids, providing medical care in our communities, enriching our lives through music, arts, and literature, and they our the next class of entrepreneurs that will fuel our economy.

An additional goal of the campaign is to expose students to the idea of philanthropy.

"A donation comes from your wallet. A gift can be in the form of volunteer hours, sharing particular talents or monetary," says Schmidt. "The size of the check is not what defines a gift, rather it is the way it is given."

Most people view capital campaigns as ways to raise funds, but Winona State believes that it is about focusing on what everybody can do together.

The Light the Way campaign focuses on a holistic approach

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to wellness, assuring access to education and making a difference in the lives of children by ensuring that all kids have a childhood.

The main goal of Light the Way is to ensure that all alumni and friends of the university have an opportunity to be a part of the campaign, says Schmidt.

"The 'Light the Way' campaign is not taking a cookie cutter approach," says Schmidt. "It is not a matter of saying 'we need money, please help.' Rather, we are approaching alumni and friends to discuss how they can invest through Winona State to make their dreams come true."

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WMD report: U.S. remains 'dangerously vulnerable'

By Brett Blackledge
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AP Writers

WASHINGTON—The United States remains "dangerously vulnerable" to chemical, biological and nuclear attacks seven years after 9/11, a forthcoming independent study concludes. And a House Democrats' report says the Bush administration has missed one opportunity after another to improve the nation's security.

The recent political rupture between Russia and the U.S. only makes matters worse, said Lee Hamilton, the former Indiana Democratic congressman who helped lead the 9/11 Commission and now chairs the independent group's latest study.

"The threat of a new, major terrorist attack on the United States is still very real," concludes the report to be released Wednesday, the same day a congressional commission will hold a hearing in New York on

nuclear and biological terrorism threats.

"A nuclear, chemical or biological weapon in the hands of terrorists remains the single greatest threat to our nation. While progress has been made in securing these weapons and materials, we are still dangerously vulnerable," the report said.

Congressional Democrats, meanwhile, had harsher criticism of the Bush administration's efforts. Their report, written by the staffs of the House Homeland Security and Foreign Affairs committees, found little or no progress across the board on national security initiatives.

"The Bush administration has not delivered on a myriad of critical homeland and national security mandates," the Democrats' report states. That report was being released Tuesday.

"The administration has just failed to act in so many ways," said Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss. "Let's say that we've

been fortunate that we have not been attacked" since 2001, said Thompson, who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee.

The independent report focuses narrowly on weapons of mass destruction.

The report and supporting studies describe the failure of international cooperation to prevent terrorists from obtaining weapons of mass destruction, which they call a major problem. Many countries continue to ignore a United Nations mandate to prevent the spread of weapons; the ability of many countries to monitor potential bioterrorism is "essentially nonexistent," and dangerous chemical weapons stockpiles remain in some countries, including Russia and Libya, the report said.

Russia has been a significant player in U.S. efforts to secure nuclear weapons and to eliminate inventories of chemical weapons in the former Soviet

region. That cooperation could be jeopardized as the two countries face off over the Russian invasion of Georgia and concerns about a U.S. missile defense base in Poland, Hamilton said.

"The things we do to penalize Russia will make it more difficult for us to deal with Russia on other matters," Hamilton said.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood said he hasn't seen the report. But he said there have been a number of successes in recent years, including negotiations to dismantle North Korea's nuclear program and Libya's agreement to end its nuclear and chemical weapons program.

"We have been engaged multilaterally with a number of countries to deal with this issue of weapons of mass destruction," Wood said.

Wood said he also has not seen the Democrats' report. "I fundamentally reject the charge

that the administration has made the world less safe from terrorism," he said.

House Democrats also blasted Bush policy in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia as damaging to national security. U.S. efforts to combat terrorists in Pakistan have suffered because of "unyielding support for a military dictator"; Iraq has drained resources from the fight in Afghanistan, and Saudi Arabia continues to serve "as a major source of terrorist activity," the Democrats' report states.

The independent study, however, did credit the Bush administration with progress in a number of areas. It cited improved U.S. port security, reduction of military chemical stockpiles, increased U.S. funding for securing nuclear weapons sites in Russia and new international programs aimed at preventing crimes involving biological weapons.

Home Run:

Randy Spring carries load, Winona State football team rolls past NSU in home opener

By Adam Stanek
Winonan

Having depth in the running game is always a plus, especially if you asked Winona State football coach Tom Sawyer last Saturday.

In the Warriors 39-14 win against Northern State last Saturday, they lost Carey Rottman, a key running back in their running game, due to a sprained ankle.

However, that did not stop Winona State's running game as Randy Spring picked up the slack by rushing for 188 yards on 28 carries and a touchdown in the Warriors home debut.

"It was kind of fun for Randy (Spring)," said Winona State head coach Tom Sawyer. "For him to have a day playing like this at home, I'm really excited for him."

It wasn't just Spring that picked up the slack in the run game though.

Andrew Verbancouer added 83 yards on 12 carries and scored two touchdowns and even

Rottman added 66 yards on five carries and a touchdown before going down to injury.

Winona State started out fast as they only possessed the ball for one minute and 29 seconds before getting their first score.

Rottman scampered 18 yards to paydirt, giving the Warriors the 7-0 advantage.

It didn't take Northern State long to even out the score as they went on a seven play, 68 yard drive capped off by a Tavis Ve'e 25-yard touchdown reception to Eric Ellingson to even the score at 7-7.

The Warriors regained the lead in the second quarter as Verbancouer punched in a one-yard touchdown run, putting the

Warriors up 13-7.

Winona State extended their lead as starting quarterback Greg Preston recorded his first Warrior touchdown pass on an eight-yard connection to freshman wide receiver Hakeem Bourne-McFarlane, ending a 13-play 80-yard drive that consumed half of the second quarter.

With the Warriors up 20-7, Northern State was able to answer quickly before the half as Tavis Ve'e scored his second touchdown on a 59-yard touchdown run to cut the Warriors lead to six going into halftime.

"Defensively, we have to be a little stronger, a little faster, and we need to create some turnovers," said Sawyer. "Our defense started to mature in the second half."

In that second half, the Winona State defense cranked it up a notch as they forced four second-half turnovers, only allowed 160 yards in the entire second half, and kept Northern State off the scoreboard.

The Warriors blew the door off the Wolves in the fourth quarter as they scored three unanswered touchdowns in 3:02 to give the Warriors the 39-14 win.

Winona State's first score came off another Preston touchdown pass, a seven-yarder to Ellis Minor, successfully end-

ing a 10-play, 66-yard drive.

The Warriors quickly answered that touchdown by forcing a fumble and putting the ball in the endzone two plays and 20 yards later on a Spring 11-yard run.

Not four plays later, the Warrior defense stiffened and picked off Ellingson and ran the ball back to the seven-yard line.

One play later, Verbancouer picked up his second touchdown, a seven-yard scamper, capping off the 19-point Winona State scoring spree in the second half.

Preston was very efficient through the air, completing 20-of-29 passes for 190 yards and two touchdowns.

The Warriors found 11 different receivers in the game, Drew Alexander leading all receivers with five catches for 20 yards. Bourne-McFarlane also caught three passes for 57 yards.

The Warriors won their Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference opener and improved to 1-0 on the season.

Next week, the Warriors host a second of a three-game home-stand, this time against conference rival Bemidji State.

"They are a well-coached team," Sawyer said, referring to the Bemidji State football team. "We need to jump on them early, play good defense against the pass, and take care of the football."

Winona State kicks off at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Alltel Wireless Stadium.

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Winona State senior receiver Tyrre Burks tries to shake off a Northern State (S.D.) tackler during the Warriors' 39-14 victory Sept. 6 at Maxwell Field at Alltel Stadium

Warriors women's soccer team- handling the pressure

By Chandler MacLean
Winonan

One-goal games. Overtime galore. A top-20 showdown. Hooligans!

It's been a wild start to the season for the Winona State University women's soccer team. Just four games in, the Warriors' (3-1) season has already given us all this:

-Three overtime games, already matching the Warriors' overtime tally from a year ago. The Warriors went 1-0-2 in extra sessions then. So far this season, the Warriors have gone 2-1-0 in OT.

-Four out of four games decided by one goal. NCAA soccer uses sudden-death overtime - all three Winona State overtimes ended 2-1 - giving the Warriors three of four one-goal contests (overtime wins against Regis, Colo., and Northern Michigan, and a loss by to Metro State). The fourth was a 1-0 home win Sept. 5

against Fort Lewis (Colo.).

"We're not OK with it," Warriors coach Ali Omar said after the Warriors' loss to Metro State. "We're always looking for another win. But I think we're doing very well."

"The confidence we're going to get out of this game is good for us. We know what it takes to win these games and how well we need to play."

Warriors senior goalkeeper Amanda Diehm, a second-team, all-NSIC and first-team, all-central region selection last season, along with first-team, all-NSIC defender and preseason NSIC defensive player of the year Heidi Woerle, have led well from the back row. Diehm holds a 1.00 goals against average.

"Our team is coming together really nice," WSU sophomore Cori Beard said. "We're all together, there's no cliques or anything like that. We're just looking to what's ahead of us and looking forward to each

game."

-No. 14 versus No. 19. The only loss for Winona State, ranked No. 20 to start the week in NCAA Division II, came Aug. 30 against Metro State. Then-No. 14 MSCD narrowly avoided an upset against then-No. 19 Winona State 2-1 in a nonconference matchup of top-20s. While the Warriors have dropped a spot in the rankings since, Metro State has climbed to No. 12. Not exactly a cupcake for the second game of the season.



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Winona State University's Lauren Sturdivant settles the ball during a 2-to-1 win against Regis University on Aug. 28 at Maxwell Field in Winona. Sturdivant made the winning goal 54 seconds into overtime.

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Early-season blues: Winona State volleyball off to a slow start

By Johnny Podominick
Winonan

For the second consecutive weekend, the Winona State volleyball team struggled, dropping all four of their games at the Flyer Festival hosted by Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill. After dropping three of their four games the previous weekend at a tournament in Colorado, the Warriors were hoping to get back on track before heading into the conference season. But injuries and inconsistencies plagued the team once again, as they fell to 1-7 on the season.

On Friday, the Warriors lost their opening match in three sets to Michigan Technological University, and followed that up with a 3-1 loss to Northern

Michigan University. Kerry Daly had a big day for WSU, collecting eight kills and four blocks against Michigan Tech and 11 kills and nine blocks against Northern Michigan.

Jenna Padley had a game-high 14 kills against Northern Michigan.



Rudi Balich

WSU head coach Connie Mettelle said she was pleased with the play of Daly throughout the tournament.

"Kerry Daly had a really solid weekend," said Mettelle. "We just need to get everyone else healthy."

Rudi Balich, who was named the Northern Sun Intercol-

legiate Conference defensive player of the week before the start of the tournament, had 14 digs against Michigan Tech and 16 digs against Northern Michigan. Setter Mollie Bjelland was steady directing the offense with 22 and 47 assists in the respective games.

The second day of the tournament did not go much better for the Warriors. WSU lost to Saginaw Valley State University in five sets, and then got swept in three sets by 25th ranked Lewis University.

The Warriors gained a 2-0 lead against Saginaw Valley State by winning the first two sets 25-15 and 25-19, but SVSU regrouped and won the last three sets 25-21, 25-20 and 15-12.

Carmen Stankowski, who has been used in a limited capacity while battling an ankle and hip injury, turned in an impressive

performance against SVSU with 14 kills, 47 assists, 29 digs and seven blocks.

Against Lewis, the Warriors lost 25-9, 25-16 and 26-24. Mollie Bjelland had 14 assists, Shan-

non McGowan posted seven total blocks and Jessi Peterson had a team-high five kills.

Despite the losses, Mettelle said that team morale is still high.

"We have had four five game sets in eight games," Mettelle said. "We are right there, we

just have to find a way to win those games."

Getting healthy is another priority for Mettelle as her team heads into conference play. Stankowski is still not at full strength and several other players are battling nagging injuries. All the injuries have contributed to the Warriors' inconsistent play so far.

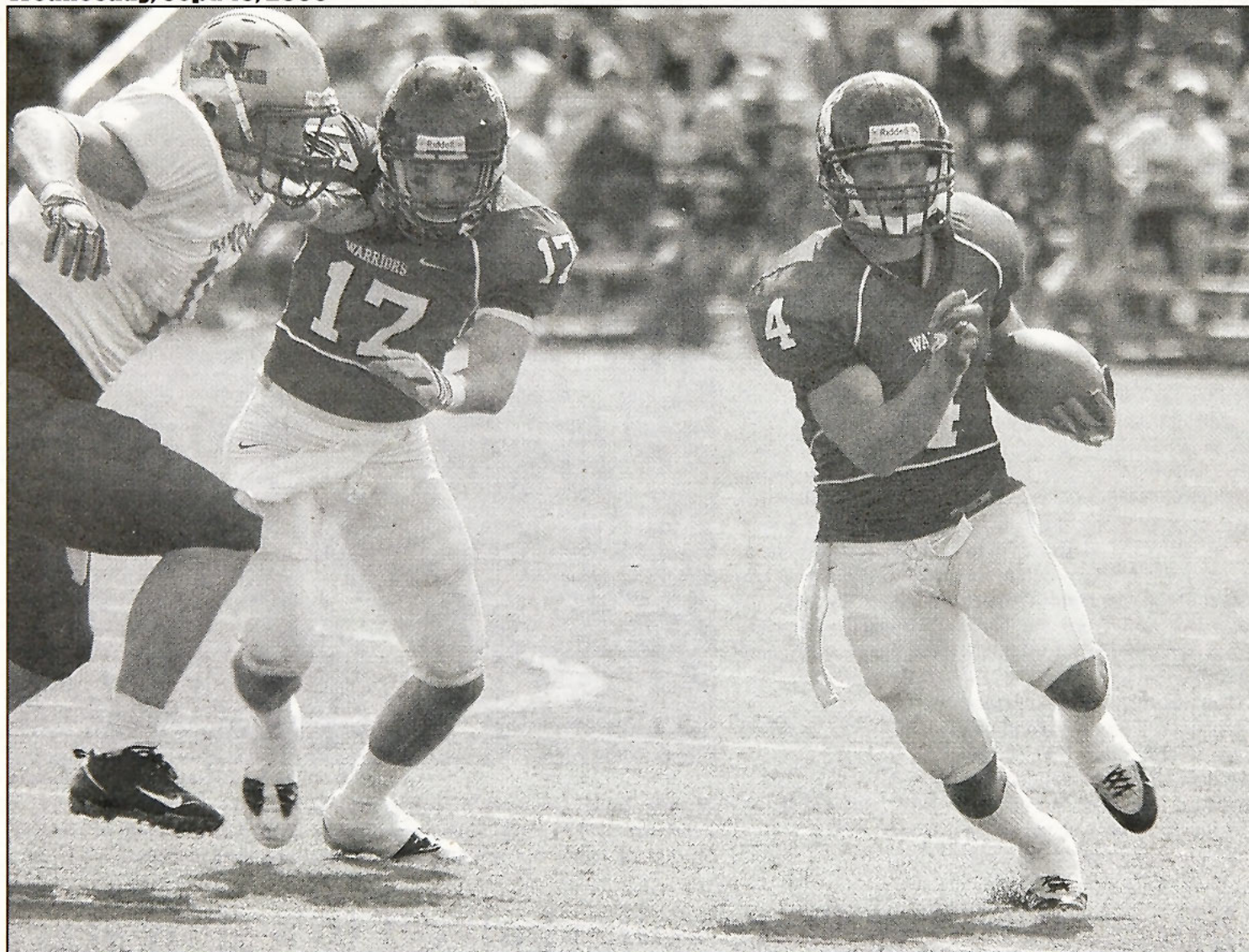
"We are doing some things really well," Mettelle said. "We will play in one match, and the next match, we fix some of the things we did not do well in the previous match, but then fall back on some of the things we did well."

The Warriors' next chance to get back on the winning track is Tuesday when they face cross-town rival St. Mary's University.

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Kerry Daly



Rough Crowd: Both Winona State receiver Scott Sherman (17) and running back Carey Rottman left the Warriors' home opening 39-14 win Sept. 6 against Northern State (S.D.) with injuries. The Warriors will look for healthy returns from both senior starters, beginning with Saturday's home game against Bemidji State.

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"It's going to make us better," Omar said. "Knowing we have to play that hard. We need to play up to that level every time."

"The harder the game, the better we're going to be later this year."

There's more of the same to come, too. NSIC newcomer Minnesota State-Mankato, ranked No. 7 to start the week, will travel to Winona Oct. 26. MSU-Mankato and Winona State also are ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the Division II central region rankings.

-Noteworthy individual performances. Diehm and Woerle have stepped up with heightened expectations and responsibilities. Sophomore Lauren Sturdivant leads the team with two goals, including an overtime winner, and five points to go with an assist. Senior Gina Florian also has an overtime winner.

-And lest we forget...Soccer hooligans! Not quite the mean streak of, say, "Football Factory," a 2004 film worthy of rental, for sure. But still, a rather motley crew of screamers and inventive noise makers. They march to their own beat, as in, the percussion of banging sticks and what have you on empty garbage receptacles. They're also quite entertaining and have certainly added to the flavor of home games at Maxwell Field.

The Warriors host Concordia-St. Paul at 5 p.m. Friday to open the NSIC season. The Warriors and Golden Bears split last season. After the conference opener, the Warriors will play five of their next six games on the road from Sept. 20 at Minnesota State-Moorhead to Oct. 5 at Minnesota-Duluth.

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It is "Pack the Gym" night for WSU, and Mettille hopes to break the attendance record by having at least 1,000 fans. SMU will put a young, competitive team on the floor, but a Division III opponent could be just what the team needs to get back on track.

"There is no doubt we have had a disappointing start to our season," Mettille said. "We need to focus on our side of the net and just get better and better as the season goes on. Conference play is where the real season starts."

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The Warrior report

Men's cross country

The Warriors finished second of three teams Aug. 30 at the Saint Mary's (Minn.) Invitational.



Ryan Slack

Winona State freshman Bryan Lindquist finished second in 23:45.5, senior Ryan Ledin sixth in 24:22.6 and junior Ryan Slack seventh in 24:26.1.

Winona State sophomore Ben Tharaldson finished 18th in 25:47.2 and sophomore Ryan Burch 20th in 26:03.4 to give the Warriors two more runners in the top 20 out of 45.

The Warriors men will run the same schedule as the women and next compete Aug. 30 at the St. John's Invitational.

Women's cross country



Allie Glasbrenner

The Winona State University women's cross country team opened its season with a performance for the ages.

The Warriors won the Saint Mary's Invitational on



Steph Smith

Aug. 30 in dominating fashion, led by Winona State freshman Jenna Southworth, who finished first in 19 minutes, 56 seconds.

Southworth was the only runner at the five-team invite to break 20:00.



Madeline Heinrich

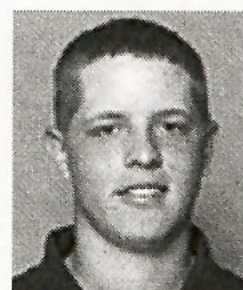
Warriors freshman Steph Smith (20:48.3) finished third, junior Allie Glasbrenner (21:03.6) fourth, sophomore Madeline Heinrich (21:06.7) fifth, freshman Amy Pawelko (21:12) sixth and sophomore Michelle Jeske (21:43.8) 10th to give Winona State six runners in the top 10.

The Warriors travel to Collegeville, Minn., on Friday for the St. John's Invitational.

Men's golf

The Warriors faded to a 10th-place finish out of 15, dropping five places, on the second and final round of the Bemidji State Invitational on Sept. 8.

"We made a lot of silly mistakes on the golf course," Warriors coach Robert Newberry said after Sunday's opening round.



Brady Strangstalien

Brady Strangstalien and Ryan Peavey led the Warriors with two-day, 9-over-par 153s at the par-72 Bemidji Town and Country Club.

Women's golf

The Warriors finished sixth of 10 teams Sept. 7-8 at the Augustana, S.D., Invitational.

The Warriors shot 654, while team champion and NSIC opponent Concordia-St. Paul shot 627 at the par-72 Elmwood Golf



Tara Christensen

Course in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Warriors senior Megan Placko shot 154 for the invite, just four strokes back of individual champion Christy Lucken of Minnesota State-Mankato, to lead the team.

WSU's Tara Christensen shot 161, Emma Schmitz 169, Courtney Sovereign 175, Michelle Narveson 176 and Nicki Robertson 179.

Sports schedule

Friday, Sept. 12

Men's and women's XC
St. John's Invitational
Collegeville, Minn.

Women's soccer vs.
Concordia-St. Paul
at Maxwell Field at Alltel
Stadium
5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Winona State vs. Bemidji
State at Maxwell Field at
Alltel Stadium
1 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 14

Men's golf at NSIC Cham-
pionship 1
Dacotah Ridge Golf Club
Morton, Minn.

Women's golf at Wildwood
Lodge Invitational
Tartan Park Golf Club
Lake Elmo, Minn.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Men's golf at NSIC Cham-
pionship 1
Dacotah Ridge Golf Club
Morton, Minn.

Women's golf at Wildwood
Lodge Invitational
Tartan Park Golf Club
Lake Elmo, Minn.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Winona State volleyball at
St. Cloud State



Hitting their stride

Mid-season athletics continue success

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